

REMARKS

In the office action, it was noted that the list of claims needed to be updated to reflect that claims 1-45 and 69-80 were canceled. In this amendment, the list of claims has been amended to reflect that claims 1-45 and 69-80 have been canceled. The list of claims is now in compliance.

In the office action, the abstract of the disclosure was objected to under MPEP Section 608.01(b) as using phrases that can be implied such as “the invention.” In this amendment, the abstract of the disclosure has been amended to delete the references to “the invention.” The abstract of the disclosure is now in compliance with MPEP Section 608.01(b).

In the office action, claims 46-50, 52-66, 68, 81-84, and 86-110 were allowed. Applicant appreciates the allowance of these claims. Applicant notes that claim 108 was previously canceled, and the Examiner inadvertently listed this claim as being allowed.

In this amendment, claims 1-45, 51, 67, 69-80, 85, 108, and 111 remain canceled.

In the office action, claim 113 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because it was unclear whether the “first cleaning member” was intended to be part of the claimed combination. In this amendment, Applicant has amended claim 113 to define an antecedent basis for the “first cleaning member,” to make it clear that the “first cleaning member” is intended to be part of the claimed combination. As such, amended claim 113 is now believed to be in compliance with 35 USC 112.

In the office action, claim 112 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lalli et al. in view of Chen. In this amendment, claim 112 has been amended to specify that the cleaning member is attached to adjacent plates, and that the first actuator is connected to pivoting members which are adapted to converge the adjacent plates to compress the attached cleaning member. Neither Lalli nor Chen disclose a cleaning member attached to adjacent

plates, nor do they disclose an actuator connected to pivoting members which are adapted to converge adjacent plates to compress an attached cleaning member. The other prior art of record does not fill in these deficiencies. As a result, claim 112 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the office action, Claim 113 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirse in view of George and Chen. In this amendment, claim 113 has been amended to specify that the actuator is connected to pivoting members which are adapted to cause the mop head to compress a portion of at least one of the first and second cleaning members. Neither Hirse, George, nor Chen disclose an actuator which is connected to pivoting members which are adapted to cause the mop head to compress a first or second cleaning member. The other prior art of record does not fill in these deficiencies. As a result, claim 113 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the office action, claim 114 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lalli et al. in view of Chen. In this amendment, claim 114 has been amended to specify that there is only one valve in the handle. Neither Lalli nor Chen disclose only one valve in a handle. The other prior art of record does not fill in this deficiency. As a result, claim 114 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

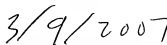
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that in addition to claims 46-50, 52-66, 68, 81-84, 86-107, and 109-110, which have been allowed, that amended claims 112-114 are also in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference is necessary.

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